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AMUSEMENTS.

Christmas at the Theaters.

Christmas at the theaters was one of the biggest in years yesterday. At the Grand last night Stuart Robson had one of the largest Christmas night audiences ever gathered in that house. His new play, "Government Acceptance," furnished amusement to people who are not overly particular in holiday times, and as this was its first presentation in this city a few remarks about the virtues and vices of the play should be given. "Government Acceptance" came here heralded as being a play that afforded Robson the best opportunity of his life in a character which he had never had before. It was soon evident after the curtain went up that some one had grossly blundered. Place "Government Acceptance" in the hands of indifferent actors and it might be a drawing card for the popular-priced theaters, but it would fall utterly to give a high-priced audience satisfaction. It can hardly be said that the principal characters are at all well painted. In fact, the play sounds as if it had been written by a novice. It is wholly on the melodramatic order, and appeals to an audience in a melodramatic fashion. In some respects it is beautifully acted, and as for its settings it is staged gorgeously. Nothing prettier has been seen here in months, sparkling from a scenic standpoint. The play itself will not stand analysis, and is almost sure to get a "roast" if put on in New York. It will do for an occasional night, but even with all the hard work that Mr. Robson puts into his part it will hardly insure a run in the larger cities.

At the Park the crowds both afternoon and evening were almost record breakers. While families came to see the baby, occupied seats in the parquette.

The story at the Empire was practically the same, although the audience was entirely different from that at other theaters in the city. This playhouse has a patronage peculiarly its own, that always comes when the "Magician" is on. Harry Morris's entertainers will be the next attraction at the Empire.

Bancroft, the Magician, To-Night.

Frederick Bancroft's beautiful, artistic and original spectacle of magic will be presented to the theater patrons of this city at the Grand opera house, beginning this evening. The press accounts from all the cities where he has played so far this season agree in saying that his production is the most elaborate and artistic of its kind they have ever seen, and that his feats and illusions are unsurpassed. No expense has been spared by Bancroft in making his dazzling representation complete in every detail, and the scenery used represents the "Magician's Palace of Magic." The transformation scenes, all made expressly for his entertainment, are said to be marvelous and have been made a feature.

Mrs. Curtis Robbed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Mrs. M. B. Curtis, wife of Curtis of "Samuel of Posen" fame, appeared in the Harlem Police Court to-day as prosecuting witness in the case against Kate McCarthy and Frances Quinn, two servant girls recently in her employ. Mrs. Curtis is at present engaged at a Newark (N. J.) theater, and when she returned to her home last night she discovered that diamonds valued at \$10,000 had been stolen. She blamed the servants, but they indignantly denied their guilt. The two servants were held pending an investigation into the robbery.

Divorced from His Actress Wife.

OKLAHOMA, O. T., Dec. 25.—William Connor, son of a member of the United States Parliament, secured a divorce here yesterday from his wife on the grounds of incompatibility of temper and neglect of duty. Mrs. Connor, prior to her marriage, was leading lady of Sir John Astley's troupe in England.

Notes of the Stage.

The New York Dramatic News is authorized for the statement that "The Stag Party," the new play by Paul Potter and Bill Nye, produced on an elaborate scale by A. M. Palmer, at the Garden Theater, New York, last Monday, will be withdrawn Saturday night. It is described as being absolutely too vulgar for the metropolis and lacking in dramatic interest as well. It cost \$10,000 to stage.

The strangest thing in theatricals that has happened lately is the reappearance of Edie Foy in "Little Robinson Crusoe," at the Chicago Opera House, this week. David Henderson has gone in the hope for about \$25,000, it is said, and Foy, his discarded mascot, is "coming out on top" again.

Notwithstanding all the pattering raving over Yvette Guilbert's singing of French

songs, it appears she has made her biggest New York hit with that classic ballad of passion entitled "L'Amour, l'Amour, l'Amour," which she sings in pigeon English.

A vote is being taken in New York to determine the most popular actress in America. Maggie Cline starts off with 217 and J. M. C. ranks down near the tail end with 65. What do they know about art in New York?

There will be a change of bill at the Park this afternoon, when Florence Blindley and her company will appear in "The Pay Train," an old favorite. It is another sensational scenic play and will run the rest of the week. Next week the Park has "Span of Life" for the New Year's half and "Slaves of Gold" the last three days.

The coming of the Bostonians, with Barnabe, MacDonald, Cowles, Harold Blake, Frothingham, Jessie Bartlett Davis, Helen Bertram and other favorites, is a welcome event. They will sing "A War-time Wedding" next Monday night at the Grand and "Robin Hood" Tuesday night. The advance sale opens at the Pembroke this morning.

Katie Emmet will be at English's the first half of next week in her new play, "An American Boy." It is a comedy in three acts. It has been decided to open the Paderewski sale next Thursday morning, Jan. 2, at the Pembroke. The great pianist will be at English's Saturday night, Jan. 11.

The German Theater Company, of Cincinnati, will play "Niobe" to-night at English's with a matinee to-morrow.

COLDER AND FAIR.

Predictions and Observations of the Local Weather Bureau.

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 11 p. m., Dec. 26—Cold, fair weather on Thursday.

General Conditions.—The storm area, with increasing atmospheric pressure, moved slightly eastward and extends from the upper lakes southward to the Gulf in the shape of a barometric trough. The warm current in its front extends northward, with 60 degrees or more, to Georgia and North Carolina, with 50 degrees or more, to the lower lakes. West of the Mississippi the temperature fell from 10 to 22 degrees, ward to western Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin. Zero and lower prevails from North Dakota and northern Minnesota northward; 20 degrees below zero in Manitoba, with low atmospheric pressure in British Columbia. Local rains fell from the Gulf coast northward to the lower lakes, light snow in western Texas, southern Missouri, Montana and near Lake Superior.

C. F. R. WAPPENHANS, L. F. O.

FORECAST FOR THREE STATES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—For Illinois—Fair; colder in southern and eastern portions; northwesterly winds.

For Ohio—Clearing in the early morning; colder; westerly winds.

For Indiana—Fair and cooler; westerly winds.

Wednesday's Observations.

The following table of temperatures is furnished by C. F. R. Wappenhans, local forecast official.

Chicago	63	64	4
Chesapeake	6	24	10
Chicago	60	40	40
Concordia, Kan.	23	29	30
Denver	30	30	30
Des Moines, Ia.	22	26	1
Denver	14	22	1
Dodge City	20	20	1
Galveston	60	50	3
Helena, Mont.	20	20	1
Jacksonville, Fla.	26	26	1
Kansas City, Mo.	26	32	1
Little Rock	20	20	1
Minneapolis, Minn.	28	36	1
Marquette, Mich.	26	26	1
Memphis	64	64	1
Nashville	68	68	1
New Orleans	60	60	1
New York	20	20	1
North Platte, Neb.	10	28	1
Oklahoma, O. T.	22	36	1
Omaha	20	24	1
Pittsburg	20	24	1
St. Appelle, N. W. T.	20	24	1
Rapid City, S. D.	20	24	1
San Francisco	20	24	1
San Jose	8	24	1
Salt Lake City	18	24	1
St. Louis	20	24	1
St. Paul	20	24	1
St. Paul, Minn.	20	24	1
Springfield, Ill.	28	36	1
Springfield, Minn.	28	36	1
Victoria	68	68	1
Washington	58	58	1
Wichita, Kan.	26	26	1
Yellow zero.			